

NORTON AND EMILY HEATON JACOB



Norton Jacob was born August 11, 1804 at Sheffield, Mass., a son of Udney Hay Jacob. He married Emily Heaton at Bush, New York in 1830. They were endowed in the Nauvoo Temple with the second company on December 12, 1845. Norton also married Elizabeth Harris Mott.

Norton Jacob was born of sturdy American stock. His forefathers had come to America from England in the early 1600's

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and played an influential role in the Revolutionary War.

Norton became acquainted with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and espoused it with all his heart. He and his wife were baptized members on March 15, 1841 at La Harpe, Ill.

Norton received much opposition from his family, who told him they would rather he be dead than a Mormon. He finally was able to convert his father to The Church, and Udney Jacob became a strong member.

A skilled carpenter and cabinet maker, Norton was called to work on the Nauvoo Temple during its construction. He also assisted in building wagons for the trek of the saints westward. His wage for a winter spent building wagons was a wagon.

Norton began the trek to the west, but was forced to leave his wife and family of six at Baker's Camp, some five days' travel from Winter Quarters. Here their seventh child, a girl, was born. Norton continued on West with the first company of saints and on the first night in the valley of the Great Salt Lake plowed three acres of ground and planted various crops the next day.

After seeing his company safely in the valley Norton turned eastward to join his wife and family and bring them west. During the trip west in 1848 his son Oliver became ill and died enroute. His son Lucian was a great help to Emily and the family, as Norton had many responsibilities with the company he was directing.

After settling in Salt Lake Norton was made foreman of the carpenters and joiners working on the temple block. He married five wives under polygamy, three of whom bore him no children.

Norton spent 10 years in Salt Lake in construction projects, and then obtained a farm on Mill Creek, later moving to Spanish Fork and then coming to Heber City July, 1860. He moved to Midway in 1862 and was part of the Fort String. He was elected justice of the peace in Midway. In later years he moved to American Fork and then Glenwood, Sevier County, where he died.

His wife, Emily, was a constant support to him throughout his life. She bore him 11 children, and her uncomplaining attitude, coupled with her faith, courage and fortitude were a comfort to Norton.

Children of Norton and Emily were:
Elsie Pamela, married Jessie Snyder

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JACOB, Norton, one of the original pioneers of Utah, was born Aug. 11, 1804, in Sheffield, Berkshire Co., Mass., a son of Udney H. and Elizabeth Jacob. He arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley in July, 1847, and later in the year returned to Winter Quarters with Pres. Brigham Young. He had a wife (Emily Heaton) and family in the East, and with them he returned West with Pres. Brigham Young in 1848, acting on the journey as captain of the guard. After having made his home in Salt Lake Valley, he assisted in building up Salt Lake City and was appointed by Pres. Brigham Young foreman of the carpenters and joiners working on public works. In 1855 he was architect of a bridge erected over the Weber River. As a Seventy he was a member of the 14th Quorum. On July 24, 1860, he delivered the oration at Heber City, where he had made his home, and where he was appointed justice of the peace in 1862. Bro. Jacob's first wife became the mother of eleven children and his second wife, whom he also married in the East, bore him two children.

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